Charles E. Anderson Petitioner

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAN

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing and a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Charles E. Anderson, by and through his attorney, Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve a two apartment dwelling on 6,150 sq.ft. of land in lieu of the required 10,000 sq.ft. and a determination that such density would not affect the neighborhood. The Petitioner also seeks variance relief from Section 203.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 80 feet and side yard setbacks of 14 feet and 12 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 20 feet, respectively, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petitions were Charles E. Anderson, property owner. Mr. Anderson was represented by Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1 Goeller Avenue, consists of 0.163 acres, zoned R.O, and is improved by a two-story building. Said property is located approximately one block west of Eastern Boulevard in the heart of Essex. Mr. Anderson testified that he purchased the subject property in 1986 at a foreclosure sale for \$23,500. At that

dress the restrictions of this Order.

time, the dwelling was completely run-down and uninhabitable and was certainly an eyesore to the neighborhood. Mr. Anderson testified that he invested an additional \$125,000 in renovations to the subject property. In 1988, zoning of the property was changed to R.O. Mr. Anderson had intentions of renting an office in the front of the subject building and maintaining an apartment in the rear of the building. However, to date, Mr. Anderson has not been successful in renting the property as an office and apartment and is now desirous of utilizing the property as two-apartments. Testimony indicated that density in the neighborhood would not be affected by the use proposed and that there would be no detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community. Further testimony revealed that Mr. Anderson owns the adjoining property, known as 201 Eastern Boulevard, from which he has operated an insurance office for many years.

This property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas near Back River and as such, is subject to compliance with any recommendations made by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) as to Critical Areas legislation. As of the date of this Order, DEPRM had not completed its review of the required findings plan submitted by the Petitioner. The granting of the relief requested herein is contingent upon Petitioner's compliance with any recommendations made by DEPRM upon completion of their review.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented. it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special condi-

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tions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Peti-

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tioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the special hearing and variance relief sought should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 3/37 day of January, 1993 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve a two apartment dwelling on 6,150 sq.ft. of land in lieu of the required 10,000 sq.ft. and a determination that such density would not affect the neighborhood, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 203.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 80 feet and side yard setbacks of 14 feet and 12 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 20 feet, respectively, for a two apartment dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however. Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2) All parking for tenants of the subject property shall be provided on-site. Tenants shall not be permitted to park on Goeller Avenue.

> 3) Compliance with any recommendations made by DEPRM upon completion of their review of the Critical Areas findings plan.

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4) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and ad-

Deputy Zoning Commissione: for Baltimore County

> Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire 809 Eastern Boulevard Essex, Maryland 21221

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND ZONING VARIANCE NE/S Goeller Avenue, 175' S of the c/l of Eastern Boulevard (1 Goeller Avenue) 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Charles E. Anderson - Petitioner Case No. 93-135-SPHA

Dear Mr. Lauenstein:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

January 21, 1993

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3351.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

(410) 887-4386

TMK:bjs

cc: Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission 45 Calvert Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Md. 21401

People's Counsel

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Petition for Special Hearing

AND VARIANCE 93-135-59-4-A

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1 Goeller Avenue

which is presently sensed RO

This Putition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undereigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

a Special Hearing for determination that density would not affect the neighborhood, and the Petitioner seeks approval of two apartment dwelling on 6, 150 square feet in lieu of 10,000 square feet of land. And for a variance of width of 50' in lieu of 80'setbacks and side set backs of 14' and 12' in lieu of 15' and 20'. The Petitioner is not seeking any increase in density.

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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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ZONING DESCRIPTION

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S.28 43 E., 50 feet, N.61 15 E., 125.0 feet, N.28 43 W., 50 feet, and S.61°15'W., 125.0 feet to the place of beginning as recorded in Deed Liber 7323, Folio 211.

Being lot number 76 and 77 of the subdivision of Mount Hollyneck Terrace Subdivision as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #8, Folio 25, containing 0.143 Acres. Also known as #1 Goeller Avenue and located in the 15 Election District of Baltimore County,



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Civil Engineers / Land Planners / Surveyors — 1249 Engleberth Road / Baltimore, Maryland 21221 / 301-391-2336

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Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

November 18, 1992

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire 809 Eastern Boulevard Essex, MD 21221

> RE: Case No. 93-135-SPHA, Item No. 136 Petitioner: Charles E. Anderson Petition for Variance and Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Lauenstein:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

for Special Hearing & Variance for #1 Goeller Ave. (Charles E. Anderson Property) Special Heaving fee 50.00 Variance - 50.00

Mr Normon Lovenstein

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 16th day of October, 1992.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Charles E. Anderson Petitioner's Attorney: Norman W. Lauenstein

(410) 887-3353

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: November 6, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management ROM: Bobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for November 9, 1992 Item No. 136

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. This site is subject to requirements of the Landscape Manual. A 10 foot-wide setback/landscape strip is required against the DR

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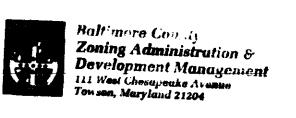
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HC 83, Box 38P Dillon Run Road

HEARTEG: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1992 at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Please be advised that \$ 99.11 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioner

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Towson, MD 21204

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: \$\displays 134 (JJS)

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

Towson, Maryland 21204

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

(410) 887-3353

Please contact David Ramsey at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Rec'd 1/5/92

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baitimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-500-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baitimore, Maryland 21203-0717

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Arnold Jablon, Director
	Zoning Administration &
	Development Management

DATE: November 10, 1992

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: 1 Goeller Avenue

Charles E. Anderson Petitioner:

The petitioner is seeking a special hearing for determination that density would not affect the neighborhood and the petitioner seeks approval of two apartments dwellings on 6,150 square feet in lieu of 10,000 square feet of land. Also, the petitioner is requesting a variance of width of 50' in lieu of 80' and side yard setbacks of 14' and 12' in lieu of 15' and 20'.

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends **DENIAL** of the petitioner's request. Our office feels that by granting this condition a dangerous precedent will be established for this neighborhood. Other dwellings along Goeller Avenue could attempt to convert their single-family dwellings into 2 unit apartments. As the plan demonstrates, the lots along this street are too small to accommodate this type of dwelling. On site parking could not be provided.

Also, using the adjacent zoning of DR 5.5 times the gross area of the tract of 0.163, yields an allowable number of density units of .89. The two density units proposed are not allowed as stated in the Zoning Regulations.

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Mr. Arnold E. Jablon March 9, 1993

## DEFINITION

"Development activities" means the construction or substantial alteration of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or transportation facilities or structures.

This property is located in an Intensely Developed Area (IDA). There are no density limits for properties classified IDA in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Also there are no development activities associated with this variance request, therefore a Critical Area Findings is not required. However, this Department has outstanding issues associated with this property. Approval of the original findings plan, which included the recently paved parking lot, was granted based on the project using porous asphalt. The engineer has been required to supply information to verify that this requirement has been met. As of this date that information has not been submitted.

#### CONCLUSION

The Zoning Variance shall be conditioned so the project proposal is in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations and Findings listed above. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia M. Farr at 887-2904.

> Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

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cc: Mr. Charles E. Anderson

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Development Review Committee Response Form File Number Zoning Issue Meeting Date ✓ Steven and Nadine Mosgin 11-2-92 DED DEPRM RP STP TE Edward L. And Linda M. Gittings 134 DED DEPRM RP STP TE / Kathleen Gaiser DED DEPRM RP STE RP Charles E. Anderson DED DEPRM RP STP TE Richard E. Shetrone Jay E. Boyd 137 DED DEPRM RP STP TE Fred C. and Soung O. You DED DEPRM RP STP TE \* John and Barbara Taylor DED DEPRM RP STP TE Jose and Janice S. Lopez 🕳 141 DED DEPRM RP STP TE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Russell L. Elliott 142 DED DEPRM RP STP TE Nick J. and Koula I. Proakis DED DEPRM RP STP TE Daniel T. and Sharon L. Wollfrey DED/DEPRM RP STP TE / Mark N. and Deborah A. Cleaver DED: DEPRIM: RP: STP: TE.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: November 25, 1992

J. Lawrence Pilson (1)
Development Coordinator, DEPRM

Zoning Item #136 1 Goeller Avenue

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management requests an extension for the review of the above referenced zoning item to determine whether the proposed development is in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 2, 1992

Critical Area Regulations. The applicant must submit a Critical Area Findings Plan for review and approval by this Department prior to preparation of a Critical Area Findings for the development. The applicant may contact the Environmental Impact Review Division of the Department at 887-2904 for details.

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Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 RE: Property Owner: CHARLES E. ANDERSON Location: #1 GOELLER AVENUE Item No.: 136(JJS) Zoning Agenda: NOVEMBER 2, 1992 73-135 - 5 PHA Gentlemen: Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy. Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division JP/KEK PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

**Baltimore County Government** Fire Department

NOVEMBER 16, 1992

(410) 887-4500

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

Arnold Jablon

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Arnold E. Jablon, Director DATE: March 9, 1993 Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

FROM: J. James Dieter SUBJECT: Petition for Zoning Variance - Case No. 93-135-SPHA Anderson Property - One Goeller Avenue Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings

**ZONING OFFICE** 

SITE LOCATION

The subject property is located at 1 Goeller Avenue. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is classified as an Intensely Developed Area (IDA).

APPLICANT'S NAME Mr. Charles E. Anderson

APPLICANT PROPOSAL

The applicant has requested a Special Hearing for determination that "density would not affect the neighborhood."

GOALS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM

In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, all project approvals shall be based on a finding which assures that proposed projects are consistent with the following goals of the Critical Area Law:

- 1. "Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have runoff from surrounding lands;
- 2. Conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat; and
- 3. Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts." <COMAR 14.15.10.01.0>

